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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM E)

SUBJ: VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON

1. I BELIEVE SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT JULY 16-18 WAS COMPLETE SUCCESS FROM POLICY, PERSONAL, AND PRESS POINT OF VIEW. SECRETARY WAS WELL RECEIVED BY PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND OTHER ISRAELI LEADERS. ISRELI HOSTS AND PRESS WERE CHARMED BY MRS SIMON AND HER FAMILY.

2. SECRETARY MADE CLEAR THAT PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT IN JUNE. DISCUSSIONS WERE WIDE RANGING AND CANDID ON BOTH SIDES. AS EXPECTED, MAJOR ISRAELI THEME WAS NEED FOR MASSIVE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO COVER WEAPONS COSTS OVER NEXT DECADE. SECRETARY HANDLED SITUATION WITH GREAT SKILL. WHILE EXPRESSING US SYMPATHY FOR ISRAELI NEEDS AND REAFFIRMING US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRETARY EXPLAINED TO ISRAELIS PROBLEMS OF OBTAINING

SUCH LARGE SCALE AID FROM CONGRESS.

3. SECRETARY SIMON MADE CLEAR IN PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION STILL STUDYING MATTER OF FUTURE ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL, AND WOULD FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS AT APPROPRIATE TIME. HE PROJECTED SYMPATHY WHILE STUDIOUSLY AVOIDING COMMITMENTS.

4. ABOVE ALL, IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS, SECRETARY STRESSED PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO AND OVERRIDING NEED FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST, EMPHASIZING INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. AGREEMENT TO SET UP JOINT COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT AND TRADE, WITH FOUR SUB-COMMITTEES, WAS APPLAUDED BY ISRAELIS AS APPROPRIATE MEANS OF PROCEEDING TOWARD GOAL OF EXPANDED ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

5. BY SEPARATE TELEGRAMS WE ARE REPORTING IN DETAIL HIGHLIGHTS OF SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER, FINANCE MINISTER AND OTHER OFFICIALS. IT IS CLEAR ISRAELIS WILL BE WORKING HARD BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR NOVEMBER VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF FINMIN RABINOWITZ.  
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